

July 27, 2009

Dear Colleague:

As we prepare for the upcoming flu season, Specialty Laboratories clients should be aware that we will be offering the Influenza A H1N1 (2009) Real Time RT-PCR test **Influenza A H1N1 (2009) Real-Time RT-PCR [46585]** (*Specialty* test code S51866), recently granted emergency use authorization by the FDA. Currently offered through our affiliate laboratory, Focus Diagnostics, this test will soon be provided at Specialty Laboratories. Look for more detailed information in the next client letter. Also available through Focus Diagnostics is **Influenza A/B RT-PCR Reflex to Influenza A H1N1 (2009) RT-PCR [42699]** (*Specialty* test code S52074).

The Specialty Laboratories Directory of Services for 2009 is now available. With over 800 published tests, our directory provides useful information on test submission, clinical utility and turnaround time. Order your printed Specialty Laboratories Directory of Services by calling Client Services at 800.421.4449. As always, you can visit the Specialty Laboratories website www.specialtylabs.com with a listing of over 3000 reference tests updated weekly, so that the information is always current.

In our effort to better serve our clients and their patients, we have made changes in many tests to provide more options for specimen types and containers. Please forward the attached test changes to your phlebotomy staff, to be sure they are sending the correct specimen in the correct tube.

We thank you for choosing *Specialty* and look forward to your continued support. For additional information, please visit our Web site at www.specialtylabs.com or contact Client Relations at 800-421-4449.

Respectfully Yours,



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Test Changes:

4872R Manganese RBC

Effective	Immediate
Specimen/Stability	WB EDTA Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Alt Specimen	WB NaHep Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours WB EDTA 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours WB NaHep 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Collection Instructions	Note: Non-trace metal tubes now accepted Carefully clean skin prior to venipuncture. Avoid worksite collection. Collect Whole Blood EDTA Trace Metal Royal Top or Whole Blood NaHep Trace Metal Royal Blue Top

4875W Selenium Whole Blood

Effective	Immediate
Specimen/Stability	WB EDTA Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months
Alt Specimen	WB NaHep Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months WB EDTA 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months WB NaHep 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months
Collection Instructions	Note: Non-trace metal tubes now accepted Carefully clean skin prior to venipuncture. Avoid worksite collection. Use the royal blue-topped "Trace-Metal" evacuated tube, which is available with EDTA, heparin or with no additives.

4862W Aluminum Whole Blood

Effective	Immediate
Specimen/Stability	WB EDTA Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months
Alt Specimen	WB NaHep Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months WB EDTA 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months WB NaHep 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 14 days, Refrigerated 30 days, Frozen 2 months
Collection Instructions	Note: Non-trace metal tubes now accepted Carefully clean skin prior to venipuncture. Avoid hemolysis. Avoid worksite collection. Avoid fruits, juices and tea for 24 hours before collection. Collect Whole Blood EDTA Trace Metal Royal Top or Whole Blood NaHep Trace Metal Royal Blue Top.

3541 Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy Total [LC-MS-MS]

Effective	September 1
Specimen/Stability	Serum 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 21 days, Refrigerated 21 days, Frozen 21 days
Collection Instructions	Serum is the only acceptable specimen type. Do not use any additives. Serum in centrifuged SST that is less than 24 hours from collection is acceptable. Red top tube (with serum not separated) is not acceptable.

Test Changes: (cont'd)

3224 Triiodothyronine (T3)

Effective Immediate
Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Ambient specimens now accepted; refrigerated stability extended.

4920 Flurazepam (Dalmane®)

Effective Immediate
CPT Code 80154

3133 Cyclic Citrullinated Peptide (CCP) IgG Abs

Effective Immediate
Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months
Alt Specimen Plasma EDTA 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months
Plasma Citrated 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Citrated plasma now accepted.

4902 Tobramycin

Effective September 9
Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.2) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Ambient specimens now accepted; red top serum separator tubes not acceptable.
Also Affected DOS Code 4902P

4903 Vancomycin

Effective September 9
Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.2) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Ambient specimens now accepted; red top serum separator tubes not acceptable.
Also Affected DOS Code 4903P

4875R Selenium RBC

Effective September 9
Specimen/Stability WB EDTA Trace Metal 3.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 72 hours
Alt Specimen WB NaHep Trace Metal 3.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 72 hours
WB EDTA 3.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 72 hours
WB NaHep 3.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 72 hours
Note: Ambient specimens no longer accepted; non-trace metal tubes now accepted
Collection Instructions Carefully clean skin prior to venipuncture. Avoid worksite collection. Avoid hemolysis. Use the royal blue-topped "Trace-Metal" evacuated tube, which is available with EDTA, heparin or with no additives.

Test Changes: (cont'd)

4875U	Selenium 24Hr Urine
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Urine 24 hour 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days Note: Reduced ambient and frozen stability.
Collection Instructions	Collect urine in an acid washed plastic container. Acidify with hydrochloric or nitric acid (1 mL of concentrated acid for each 100 mL urine). Avoid worksite collection. Send aliquot in a Specialty transfer tube.
4875UR	Selenium Urine Random
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Urine 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days Note: Increased ambient and refrigerated stability; reduced frozen stability.
Collection Instructions	Avoid worksite collection.
4872W	Manganese Whole Blood
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	WB EDTA Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months
Alt Specimen	WB NaHep Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months Note: Ambient specimens no longer accepted; reduced refrigerated stability.
Collection Instructions	Carefully clean skin prior to venipuncture. Avoid worksite collection. Collect Whole Blood EDTA Trace Metal Royal Top or Whole Blood NaHep Trace Metal Royal Blue Top.
4872U	Manganese 24Hr Urine
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Urine 24 hour 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days Note: Reduced ambient, refrigerated and frozen stability.
Collection Instructions	Avoid worksite collection. Collect urine in an acid washed plastic container available through Specialty. Acidify with hydrochloric, acetic or nitric acid (1 mL of concentrated acid for each 100 mL urine) before or after collection. Send acidified aliquot in a Specialty transfer tube.
4872UR	Manganese Urine Random
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Urine 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days Note: Increased ambient and refrigerated stability; reduced frozen stability.
Collection Instructions	Avoid worksite collection. Collect urine in an acid washed plastic container available through Specialty. Acidify with hydrochloric, acetic or nitric acid (1 mL of concentrated acid for each 100 mL urine) before or after collection. Send acidified aliquot in a Specialty transfer tube.

Test Changes: (cont'd)

4866R	Magnesium RBC	September 9
Effective		
Specimen/Stability	RBC from WB EDTA Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 72 hours	
Alt Specimen	RBC from WB NaHep Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 72 hours	
	Note: Ambient and frozen specimens no longer accepted; reduced refrigerated stability.	
Collection Instructions	Carefully clean skin prior to venipuncture. Avoid hemolysis.	
4868UR	Cadmium Urine Random	September 9
Effective		
Specimen/Stability	Urine Additive 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days	
	Note: Ambient specimens now accepted.	
Collection Instructions	Avoid worksite collection. Collect urine in an acid washed plastic container. Acidify with hydrochloric, acetic or nitric acid (1 mL of concentrated acid for each 100 mL urine). Send aliquot in a Specialty transfer tube.	
Also Affected	DOS Code 4500UR, 4500URI	
4868W	Cadmium Whole Blood	September 9
Effective		
Specimen/Stability	WB EDTA Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months	
Alt Specimen	WB NaHep Trace Metal 2.0 (1.0) mL: Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 2 months	
	Note: Ambient specimens no longer accepted; increased frozen stability.	
Collection Instructions	Patient Preparation: Avoid worksite collection. Higher levels are expected in smokers. Phlebotomists should wear talc-free gloves. Use the royal blue-topped "Trace Metal" evacuated tube with EDTA or heparin for whole blood heavy metals. Evacuated tubes and transfer tubes are available from Specialty.	
Also Affected	DOS Code 4500I	
4861W	Lead Whole Blood	September 9
Effective		
Reference Range	Add to the reference range table for pediatrics: Blood lead levels in the range 5.0-9.0 ug/dL have been associated with adverse health effects in children aged 6 years and younger.	
Also affected	DOS Codes 4861CP, 4861X, 4863, 4080W	
1325	Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR), Estimated	September 9
Effective		
Reference Range	> or = 60 mL/min/1.73m ²	

Test Changes: (cont'd)

5392 JAK2 Exons 12 & 13 Mutation, Qualitative, Plasma

Effective September 9
Name JAK2 Exons 12 & 13 Mutation, Qualitative
Specimen/Stability Whole Blood EDTA 5.0 (3.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Alt Specimen Whole Blood ACD 5.0 (3.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Bone Marrow EDTA 3.0 (2.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Note: Plasma no longer accepted.
Collection Instructions Follow standard whole blood collection procedure. Collect 3-5 mL whole blood samples in an EDTA tube. ACD tube is also acceptable, but not preferred. Heparin is not acceptable. Collect 2-3 mL bone marrow sample in an EDTA tube. ACD tube is also acceptable, but not preferred. Heparin is not acceptable. Ship immediately to maintain sample stability. Ship whole blood and bone marrow samples refrigerated at 4 degrees C.
Also Affected DOS Codes 5394, 5396

5398 MPL W515 & MPL S505 Mutation Analysis, Qual, Plasma

Effective September 9
Name MPL W515 & MPL S505 Mutation Analysis, Qualitative
Specimen/Stability Whole Blood EDTA 5.0 (3.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Alt Specimen Whole Blood ACD 5.0 (3.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Bone Marrow EDTA 3.0 (2.0) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 72 hours
Note: Plasma no longer accepted.
Collection Instructions Follow standard whole blood collection procedure. Collect 3-5 mL whole blood samples in an EDTA tube. ACD tube is also acceptable, but not preferred. Heparin is not acceptable. Collect 2-3 mL bone marrow sample in an EDTA tube. ACD tube is also acceptable, but not preferred. Heparin is not acceptable. Ship immediately to maintain sample stability. Ship whole blood and bone marrow samples refrigerated at 4 degrees C.

1915 Lupus Anticoagulant: Hexagonal Phase

Effective September 1
Component LA HEX Phase – **ADD**
Reference Range < 10.8 seconds
Component LA HEX Phase Interpretation – **ADD**
Always Statement LA HEX Phase (seconds) Interpretation
< 10.8 Negative
10.8 – 16.8 Weak positive
> 16.8 Positive
Also Affected DOS Codes 1910, 5962, 5976

3446 Lipoprotein [A]

Effective September 9
Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Alt Specimen Plasma EDTA 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Plasma Heparin 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Decreased refrigerated stability.
Also Affected DOS Code 1900

Test Changes: (cont'd)

- 1536 C-Reactive Protein (CRP) UltraQuant® (Cardiac Risk)**
 Effective September 9
 Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
 Alt Specimen Plasma EDTA 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Increased ambient stability; decreased refrigerated stability.
- 3546 PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen)**
 Effective September 9
 Reference Range < or = 4.00 ng/mL
 Also affected DOS Codes 3546SR, 3547, 3547SR, 3545
- 9421 Rubella IgG & IgM Abs**
 Effective September 9
 Component Rubella IgG Abs
 Reference Range < 5 IU/mL (same)
 Always Statement < 5 IU/mL Nonreactive: Antibody level may be insufficient to provide protection against Rubella virus infection.
 5 – 9 IU/mL **(NEW)** Indeterminate: Repeat testing in 1-2 weeks may help clarify Rubella antibody status.
 > 9 IU/mL **(NEW)** Reactive: indicates current or past infection or vaccination.
 Component Rubella IgM Abs
 Reference Range < 0.9 S/CO Ratio (same range, **NEW UNITS**)
 Always Statement < 0.9 S/CO Ratio Nonreactive
 0.9 – 1.0 S/CO Ratio Indeterminate
 > 1.0 S/CO Ratio Reactive
 Also Affected DOS Codes 1341, 2231, 2475, 9416, 9901, 9911
- 4148 Procainamide & NAPA**
 Effective September 9
 Specimen/Stability Serum 1.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 1 day, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 1 month
Note: Decreased ambient and frozen stability; increased refrigerated stability; red top serum separator tubes not acceptable.
 Reference Range Procainamide 4.0-10.0 ug/mL (same)
 NAPA 6.0-20.0 ug/mL (same)
 Procainamide + NAPA 10.0-30.0 ug/mL **(NEW)**
- 4332U Oxalate 24Hr Urine**
 Effective September 9
 Specimen/Stability Urine HCl Additive 15 (10) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months
Note: Decreased refrigerated stability.
 Also Affected DOS Code 4332UR

Test Changes: (cont'd)

4168	Kidney Stone Risk AssessR™	
Effective	September 9	
Specimen #1/Stability	Urine 24hr 10 (5) mL: Ambient 72 hours, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 60 days	
Specimen #2/Stability	Urine HCl Additive 10 (5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months	
	Note: Decreased refrigerated stability.	
4871	Lithium	
Effective	September 9	
Specimen/Stability	Serum 2.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months	
Alt Specimen	Plasma EDTA 2.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months	
	Note: Plasma EDTA now accepted; plasma heparin and serum trace metal no longer accepted.	
3532	Iron	
Effective	September 9	
Specimen/Stability	Serum 1.0 (0.4) mL: Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months	
Alt Specimen	Plasma Heparin 1.0 (0.4) mL: Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months	
	Note: Decreased ambient stability.	
Also Affected	DOS Code 3534	
3535	Iron Status MonitR™	
Effective	September 9	
Specimen/Stability	Serum 3.5 (1.5) mL: Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months	
	Note: Decreased ambient stability.	
7581	Herpes Simplex Virus DNA DetectR™	
Effective	September 9	
Specimen/Stability	Whole Blood ACD 10.0 (5.0) mL: Ambient 4 days	
Alt Specimen	Whole Blood EDTA 5.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 4 days	
	Plasma EDTA 2.0 (1.0) mL: Frozen 2 months	
	CSF 2.0 (0.5) mL: Ambient 24 hours, Refrigerated 24 hours, Frozen 2 months	
	Tissue 0.2 (0.1) g: Frozen 2 months	
	Culturette/Swab: Ambient 24 hours	
	M4 Transport Media/Swab: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days	
	TriPath Cytorich™ 1.5 (0.5) mL: Ambient 21 days, Refrigerated 21 days	
	ThinPrep® Vial 1.5 (0.5) mL: Ambient 21 days, Refrigerated 21 days	
	SurePath™ Vial: 1.5 (0.5) mL: Ambient 28 days, Refrigerated 28 days	
	Viral Transport Media: Ambient 7 days, Refrigerated 7 days	
	Note: Bone marrow, tissue in paraffin block, fluid, serum and urine specimens no longer accepted; plasma EDTA now accepted.	
Collection Instructions	Do not freeze whole blood specimens. Cytologic specimens should be collected according to the instructions provided with the ThinPrep® or SurePath™ kits for cervical samples. Swab of vesicle fluid or scrapings should be sent in M4 transport media/swab. Tissue should be submitted frozen shipped in sterile container. Ship with 24 hours of collection by overnight courier.	
Also Affected	DOS Code 9496	

Test Changes: (cont'd)

9474	Herpes Simplex Virus DNA UltraQuant®
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Whole Blood EDTA 10.0 (5.0) mL: Ambient 4 days
Alt Specimen	Fluid 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 24 hours, Refrigerated 24 hours, Frozen 2 months Whole Blood ACD 10.0 (5.0) mL: Ambient 4 days Plasma EDTA 2.0 (1.0) mL: Frozen 2 months Note: Urine specimens no longer accepted; plasma EDTA now accepted.
Collection Instructions	Do not freeze whole blood specimens. Fluid should be submitted frozen. Ship within 24 hours of collection.
7575	Cytomegalovirus DNA DetectR™
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Whole Blood ACD 10.0 (2.0) mL: Ambient 4 days, Refrigerated 4 days
Alt Specimen	Amniotic Fluid 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 4 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months Whole Blood EDTA 10.0 (2.0) mL: Ambient 4 days, Refrigerated 4 days CSF 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 24 hours, Refrigerated 24 hours, Frozen 2 months Note: Bone marrow, tissue and urine specimens no longer accepted.
Collection Instructions	Ship whole blood ambient or refrigerated. CSF and amniotic fluid should be submitted frozen. Ship within 24 hours of collection. Amniotic fluid is not an approved specimen type for New York State patients.
9430	Cytomegalovirus DNA UltraQuant®
Effective	September 9
Specimen/Stability	Whole Blood EDTA 10.0 (2.0) mL: Ambient 4 days, Refrigerated 4 days
Alt Specimen	Amniotic Fluid 2.0 (1.0) mL: Ambient 4 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 2 months Whole Blood ACD 10.0 (2.0) mL: Ambient 4 days, Refrigerated 4 days Note: Bone marrow, urine and fluid specimens no longer accepted.
Collection Instructions	Ship whole blood ambient or refrigerated. Amniotic fluid should be submitted frozen. Ship within 24 hours of collection. Amniotic fluid is not an approved specimen type for New York State patients.
Also Affected	DOS Code 9430SR
1821	Human Papillomavirus High Risk DetectR™
Effective	Immediate
Collection Instructions	Add to ThinPrep collection instructions: If submitted ThinPrep® sample volume is at least 2 mL but less than the 4 mL required minimum volume, the test will be reported with a comment indicating the test was not performed and an automatic replacement test code (QNS HPV High Risk) will be added. The test will then be referred to Nichols Institute, Chantilly for testing.

Test Changes: (cont'd)

3393 Troponin I-Ultra

Effective September 9
 Specimen/Stability Serum 2.0 (0.5) mL: Refrigerated 1 day, Frozen 30 days
Note: Decreased refrigerated stability.
 Also Affected DOS Code 3390

7577 Hepatitis C Virus RNA Quantitation [PCR]

Effective September 15
 Name HCV RNA, Quantitative Real-Time PCR
 Specimen/Stability Plasma EDTA 5.0 (2.0) mL: Frozen 6 weeks
 Alt Specimen Serum 2.0 (1.0) mL: Frozen 6 weeks
 Plasma PPT Tube 5.0 (2.0) mL: Frozen 6 weeks
Note: plasma ACD specimens no longer accepted; ambient and refrigerated plasma PPT specimens no longer accepted; increased frozen stability.
 Component HCV RNA PCR
 Reference Range < 43 IU/mL **(NEW)**
 Component HCV RNA PCR
 Reference Range < 1.63 log₁₀ IU/mL **(NEW)**
Note: assay will no longer report copies/mL.
 Collection Instructions Blood should be collected in two red-top SST serum separator tubes or in two sterile tubes using plasma in EDTA (lavender-top) or a white-top PPT Vacutainer® plasma preparation tube. Separate plasma from the whole blood within 6 hours for collection y centrifugation at 800 to 1600 x g for 20 minutes at room temperature. Transfer the plasma from each tube into a properly identified, polypropylene screw cap vial and ship frozen. Please note: Plasma must be removed from centrifuged PPT tubes and transferred to specified screw cap vials and submitted frozen. Specimens will no longer be acceptable if plasma is still in original collection tube, even if separated by centrifugation.
 Also affected DOS Code 7489, Reflex of DOS Code 7493

1911 Lupus Anticoagulant: DRVVT w/Reflex Confirmation

Effective September 1
 Name Lupus Anticoagulant (DRVVT) Evaluation
 Component DRVVT Screen Ratio **(NEW NAME)**
 Reference Range < 1.20 seconds
 Component LAC Interpretation **(NEW)**
 Reference Range LA Not detected

If the Screen Ratio result is > or = 1.20, the assay will automatically reflex to determine the DRVVT Normalized Ratio, for an additional fee. If the Normalized Ratio result is > or = 1.20, the assay will further automatically reflex to determine the 1:1 Immediate Mix result, for an additional fee. If the 1:1 Immediate Mix result is < 1.20, the assay will further automatically reflex to determine the 1:1 Incubated Mix result, for an additional fee.

Always Statement	Normalized LAC Ratio	LAC Interpretation
	< 1.20	LA Not detected
	1.20 – 1.50	LA present (weak)
	1.51 – 2.00	LA present (moderate)
	> 2.00	LA present (strong)

Also Affected DOS Codes 1081, 1082, 1910, 5962, 5963, 5976

Test Changes: (cont'd)

1160

Erythropoietin

Effective

September 9

Reference Range

< 3 weeks

Not established

3 weeks – 2 months

5.0 – 13.0 mIU/mL

3 months – 16 years

9.0 – 28.0 mIU/mL

> 16 years

4.1 – 19.5 mIU/mL

Always Statement

Hgb

Erythropoietin

< or = 8.0 g/dL

42.3-582.0 mIU/mL

8.1 – 9.0 g/dL

29.7-450.0 mIU/mL

9.1 – 10.0 g/dL

24.3-178.0 mIU/mL

10.1 – 11.0 g/dL

13.5- 93.8 mIU/mL

Adapted from Clin Lab (2002) 48:595-598.

The CPT Codes provided are based on AMA Guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT Coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding CPT Coding to the payer being billed.

New Referral Tests:

The following tests are now available from Quest Diagnostics and may be referred through Specialty Laboratories.

S51994 RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) RNA, Qual. RT-PCR [44320]
Performed at Focus Diagnostics

S51866 Influenza A H1N1 (2009) Real-Time RT-PCR [46585]
Performed at Focus Diagnostics

S52074 Influenza A/B RT-PCR Reflex to Influenza A H1N1 (2009) RT-PCR [42699]
Performed at Focus Diagnostics
*** New York approval pending. This test is not available for New York patient testing. ***

Please call client relations at 800-421-4449 or visit our website at www.specialtylabs.com for ordering information.

Discontinued Tests:

Effective Immediately:

- S51500 SensiTrop™ HIV Co-Receptor Assay**
Recommended replacement: S51884 – HIV-1 Coreceptor Tropism [16710]
- S51668 Antibody ID Panel [6200]**
Recommended replacement: No replacement

Effective August 25:

- 3252 Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide (VIP)**
Recommended replacement: S51831 – Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide [31252P]
- 7442 Chlamydia/ Neisseria rRNA & Strep Group B DNA DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 7438SW – *Chlamydia trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA PLUS [TMA] and 9640 – *Streptococcus* Group B DNA DetectR™
- 1827 Human Papillomavirus w/Reflex High-Risk DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 1821 – Human Papillomavirus High Risk DetectR™
- 7430 Chlamydia/ Neisseria rRNA/HPV High & Low Risk DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 7438SW – *Chlamydia trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA PLUS [TMA] and 1822 – Human Papillomavirus High & Low Risk DetectR™
- 7431 Chlamydia/ Neisseria rRNA/HPV High Risk DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 7438SW – *Chlamydia trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA PLUS [TMA] and 1821 – Human Papillomavirus High Risk DetectR™
- 7432 Chlamydia/ Neisseria rRNA/HPV DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 7438SW – *Chlamydia trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA PLUS [TMA] and 1820 – Human Papillomavirus DetectR™
- 7434 Chlamydia/ Neisseria rRNA/HPV w/Rfx High & Low Risk DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 7438SW – *Chlamydia trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA PLUS [TMA] and 1824 – Human Papillomavirus w/Reflex High & Low Risk DetectR™
- 7436 Chlamydia/ Neisseria rRNA/HPV w/Reflex High Risk DetectR™**
Recommended replacement: 7438SW – *Chlamydia trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA PLUS [TMA] and 1821 – Human Papillomavirus High Risk DetectR™
- 4182U Porphyrins, Fractionated 24Hr Urine**
Recommended replacement: S48559 – Porphyrins Fract Qt w/Porphobilinogen 24Hr Urine [68437N]
Performed at Quest Diagnostics, Nichols Institute San Juan Capistrano
- 4182UR Porphyrins, Fractionated Urine Random**
Recommended replacement: S48558 – Porphyrins Fractionated Urine Random [9324N]
Performed at Quest Diagnostics, Nichols Institute San Juan Capistrano